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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000943 - Lannan Debris Basin Drain Repair, City of Sierra Madre (5), to Sancon Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$203,883.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000985 - Project No. 57, Arroyo De La Sacatela Drain, Unit 3, Line A, B, and D Storm Drain Repair, Hollywood area of the City of Los Angeles (3), to Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc., in the amount of \$124,400.00.

Project ID No. TSM0010004 - Imperial Highway at Garfield Avenue, City of South Gate (1), to Alliance Streetworks, Inc., in the amount of \$636,944.00

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000943 and TSM0010004.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000943, LANNAN DEBRIS BASIN DRAIN REPAIR
(City of Sierra Madre), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement and lining of an existing 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe; construction of pipe anchors, manholes, and concrete collar; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 1, 2005 (Synopsis 44)

BID OPENING DATE: February 7, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sancon Technologies, Inc., a corporation 5881 Engineer Drive Huntington Beach, California 92649 (714) 902-0115	\$203,883.00
2	Westco Infrastructure Technology, Ltd.	\$278,333.00
3	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$286,600.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$175,036.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$203,883.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 28,847.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate, which was based on bid history information for similar projects. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive, and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

District-City of Sierra Madre Cooperative Agreement No. 75020, executed by your Board on July 6, 2004, Synopsis 23, provides for the District to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City to finance 100 percent of the construction contract cost.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sancon Technologys, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 6, 2004, Synopsis 23, your Board concurred that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in June 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000985, PROJECT NO. 57, ARROYO DE LA SACATELA DRAIN, UNIT 3, LINE A, B, AND D STORM DRAIN REPAIR (Hollywood area of the City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Internal repair of existing reinforced concrete pipe and box conduit and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 31, 2006 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: February 28, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc., a corporation 3529 East Wood Street Phoenix, Arizona 85040 (602) 437-1711	\$124,400.00
2	Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$137,500.00
3	Ace Restoration & Waterproofing, Inc.	\$196,790.18
4	Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$283,850.00

Pioneer Construction, Inc., submitted a bid of \$147,025.00; however, they did not submit a bid bond which is required as part of their bid proposal. Therefore, their bid is considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$109,020.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$124,400.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 15,380.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent above the estimate, which was based on bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates prices of several items were below current market prices. Since all four bids received were above the estimate and are competitive, we do not believe readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 (b) of the California Environmental Quality Act, and Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in May and be completed in July 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010004, IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AT GARFIELD AVENUE
(City of South Gate), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Traffic signal modifications; curb return widening; pavement resurfacing and reconstruction; striping and pavement markings; construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, catch basins, and connector pipes; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 10, 2006 (Synopsis 56)

BID OPENING DATE: February 7, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Alliance Streetworks, Inc., a corporation 1111 East Kimberly Avenue Anaheim, California 92801 (714) 449-7000	\$636,944.00
2	Excel Paving Company	\$699,697.00
3	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$731,941.40
4	Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$747,301.50
5	Shawnan	\$828,128.75

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$518,596.50
Amount of recommended contract	\$636,944.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$118,347.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent above the estimate, which is based on bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates the major cost differential is in the cost estimated for items such as traffic signal poles and the video detection system. A review of the bids received indicates the estimated cost for these items was significantly underestimated. We do not believe readvertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to the low bidder.

This project is financed with Los Angeles County MTA 1995 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Gateway Cities Traffic Signal Forum, and County matching funds. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposition C Local Return Fund.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Alliance Streetworks, Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 8 percent. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1(e) and Class 1(x), Subsections 2, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22, of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(b) and (c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July and be completed in September 2006.

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